Won't Accept 'Guilty'

NANAIMO — Magistrate Lionel Beevor-Potts refused to accept a "guilty" plea yesterday from Barry Albert Blake of Alberni.

An RCMP report stated that Blake was seen with two unopened cases of beer beside him and was told by police to take the beer out of the restaurant.

When the man began to argue about his "rights as a citizen" the police officer told Blake he would be charged.

After hearing the RCMP statement Magistrate Beevor-Potts ordered a plea of not guilty be entered.

Island Students Tour Buildings

Stuffed timber wolf in the Provincial Museum catches attention of Ria Reevwyk and John Gansen, who, with 18 other Campbell River High School students saw the legislature in action yesterday during a trip sponsored by Campbell River school board and Elk Falls division of Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd. — (Colonist photo.)

Tirade Against Mayor Sparks Labor Outcry

PORT ALBERNI — John Feser, president of Alberni District Labor Council, spoke up yesterday in defence of Mayor Loran Jordon's stand on moonlighting and charged that statements made at Nanaimo-Alberni District Labor Council meeting in Nanaimo Sunday were "tripe".

He was commenting on remarks by a trade union official that Mr. Jordon was "getting too big for his britches."

Nanaimo and District Labor Council secretary Carl Anshelm spoke of what he described as "threats and intimidation" against Port Alberni civic workers.

MOONLIGHTING

The mayor was also criticized for "moonlighting."

Percy Kidder said that "as a gross moonlighter himself, he has no business to go after moonlighting as a basis to set back the civic employees' negotiations for a new contract." This the mayor denied. He said he ran only one business apart from his job as mayor of Port Alberni.

He also described labor council allegations as "typical union propaganda."

MAYOR PRAISED

In his statement in defence of the mayor, Mr. Feser declared: "Mayor Jordon was being criticized by the Nanaimo Labor Council for his stand taken in regards to moonlighting and was being accused of being a moonlighter himself. We feel that Mayor Jordon should be commended on being the first employer in this area to discourage moonlighting. It would be a wise move if other employers did the same."

The local labor council, organized some 15 years ago, has built up a good relationship with businessmen and city councils of the valley, Mr. Feser said. "This relationship is now being jeopardized by irresponsible delegates of the Nanaimo Labor Council. These delegates and leaders are seeking publicity by getting their names in the papers. The only way, apparently, they can achieve that goal is by uttering nonsense."

Mr. Feser said his organization had been trying to avoid a clash with the Nanaimo-Alberni Labor Council. He said the local group had been told by the CLC-affiliated Nanaimo-Alberni council that its views "are not in line with the thinking of the working man" when it had suggested to the B.C. Federation of Labor and the Canadian Labor Congress that labor, management and government get together with a view to holding the line on wages and profits, thereby holding down the cost of living.

Distilling Costs Two $100 Fines

ALBERNI — The minimum penalty was imposed by Magistrate W. E. MacLeod when two railway workers pleaded guilty yesterday in Alberni court to being in possession of distilling equipment.

A coil, condenser and pot boiler, along with a quantity of distilled spirits were found by RCMP in a section house in the Mount Arrowsmith division of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway. Charged were the occupants of the house, John Torgyik and Bela Korosi.

Korosi, according to the RCMP officer in charge of the prosecution, had admitted making the equipment, but Torgyik as fellow occupant of the shack shared the charge.

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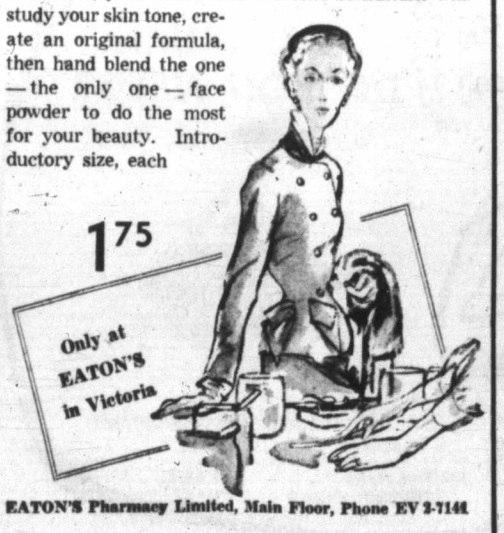

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